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Hi Matt and Gerardo,

Hope you guys have been doing well, I know there are many moving parts right now with the new Administration and directives but hopefully things settle out soon. I have something I would appreciate you looking into relatively soon if possible since this has been lingering for some time for whatever reason, I do know our staffs have communicated on this but it seems to have hit a wall and I need to get some resolution on it. You know me, I don't like things just hanging out there with no resolution, hence my request.

I have a company in my District that is trying to get a Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste (HMIW) pyrolysis system up and running. We have issued the necessary District Authority to Construct permits, but are still waiting on an official applicability determination from Region IX to see if the company will be required to become a Title V source – a large source of concern for the facility.

According to my briefing, the initial request was sent to Region IX in February of last year and status update requests as recent as two weeks ago have indicated slow or no progress. As you know, the vast majority of HMIW is currently being shipped out of state for disposal and many hospitals and state and local governments have shown interest in this facility, including the Governor's office, and we'd like to see this pyrolysis project move forward.

If you could look into the status of the request and provide a formal response by the end of February, it would be greatly appreciated. I have included a copy of the original letter sent to Matt Salazar's office for your information. The company's name is Aemerge RedPak Services and the facility is located in Hesperia, CA.

I know we are all being pulled a thousand different ways, but we have been waiting for an official response for some time. Please let me know if there is anything that I or my staff can provide you to help push this along and thanks for your cooperation on getting this determination finalized. Take Care and look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Thanks much!

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